When I was short I did pretty well on standardized tests.

Mostly because I didn't take them too seriously.

When I was in grade school we took the Iowa Basic Skills Tests.

Scribble scribble

Number one... (B) Number two... (C)

It was supposed to test us on the fundamentals like...

Scribble scribble

Number one... (A)

You got that right...

...following instructions.

Uh-oh... wait.

When you take a standardized test you always have to have two #2 lead pencils.

They provide the tests, why don't they provide the pencils?

Ah, do you, hmm...

I think it has something to do with the process.

When I was your age I didn't forget pencils. I still don't know how well a person can do on a test with a sharpened pencil.

It gives them something to feel superior about.

I guess you can use mine.

And quit acting like a 7-year-old!
I am 7 years old.

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WHEN I WAS SHORT, I USED TO WATCH RERUNS OF STAR TREK IN THE BASEMENT ON AN OLD BLACK AND WHITE T.V.

Spock! What is that thing?

AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THE SPECIAL EFFECTS ON THE EARLY STAR TREK WERE A BIT CRUDE.

It appears to be a giant space flea from the K-9 galaxy.

Bones, what's your advice?

It's ugly and I don't understand it. Kill it.

BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER TO ME. I WANTED TO BELIEVE.

What about the prime directive?

To hell with it! Let's squash it like a bug!

I WANTED TO BELIEVE THAT PAINTED PLYWOOD WAS A SPACESHIP, THAT A 39¢ SQUIRT GUN WAS A PHASER, THAT LEONARD NIMOY HAD LUCKILY FOUND ACTING WORK DESPITE HIS PHYSICAL DEFORMITY.

I think we should try to communicate with it. Ohura, open a hailing frequency.

I REALLY WANTED TO BELIEVE.

Nothing, Captain.

Try English.

... ALMOST EVERYTHING.

Greetings, Earthlings. Take me to your basset hounds!

Give me a break!